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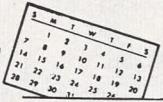


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CALENDAR



Tues., Mar. 4 — Regional Dinner:
French Riviera Carnival. Cocktails,
6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Reservations at OPC for members
and one guest each at \$4.00.

Wed., Mar. 5 — Special Open House.
"Focus on Hungary." Cocktails, 6:00
p.m., buffet. (See story, p. 5.)

Thurs., Mar. 6 — Luncheon. Dr.
Bernard Schwartz, 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Schwartz,
former chief
counsel of the
House Subcom-
mittee on Legis-
lative Over-
sight, will ad-
dress the Club
and answer
questions.

Reservations
for members and
guests, available now, are \$3.00.

Thurs., Mar. 6 — Remagen Bridge
Correspondents' Reception. 6:00 p.m.

Party for correspondents accredited
to the U.S. First, Third and Ninth
Armies during World War II, commemo-
rating the capture of Remagen Bridge
in Germany. Former PRO of the First
Division Maxie Zera will entertain.

Reservations for the reception,
dinner and party are available at the
OPC at \$4.00.

Mon., Mar. 10 — Special CBS-TV
Film Showing. Edward R. Murrow Inter-
view with President Truman. 8:30 p.m.

Pre-film dinner in OPC dining room
with commentary, 7:00 p.m. Reserva-
tions for dinner, \$3.00.

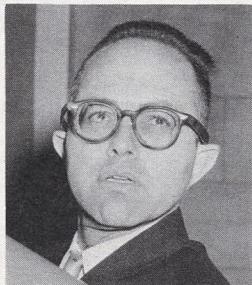
Tues., Mar. 11 — Open House.
Opening of Exhibit of Photos by UN
photographer Leo Rosenthal. Cock-
tails, 6:00 p.m., buffet.

Thurs., Mar. 13 — OPC Film Pre-
view — "The Long Hot Summer." Pre-
view Dinner, from 6:00 p.m. Film,
8:30 p.m.

Reservations at OPC. Film is free;
dinner, with door prizes, is \$3.00.

Tues., Mar. 18 — Regional Dinner:
Bermuda Night. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m.
Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Reservations at OPC for members
and one guest each at \$4.00.



DR. SCHWARTZ

\$5,000 SALES FOR DINNER ALREADY, \$500 LAST YEAR

The unprecedented response to
announcements concerning the nineteen
Annual OPC Awards Dinner-Ball at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on
Apr. 29 has resulted in more than
\$5,000 in ticket reservations. Norwood
F. Allman, chairman of the Invitations
and Reservations Committee, an-
nounces.

For last year's sell-out dinner,
only about \$500 was received prior to
mailing of invitations.

Since a sell-out is virtually as-
sured, the Committee wishes to stress
to all members and guests that every-
one, including "late-comers," will
have an excellent view of the pro-
ceedings.

This year there will be no seating
priorities because the dais will be at
one end of the ballroom and the music
and entertainment at the other.

Members are reminded to send their
reservations for the dinner now. As the
clerical staff is limited, reservations
must be made in writing and must be
accompanied by check. Members are
requested to submit names and ad-
dresses of friends to whom they wish
invitations sent.

Special Report: Press Covers Winnie Illness

by Bernard S. Redmont

Monte Carlo — (by cable) — One
hundred journalists from all over the
world rushed to the scene of Sir Winston
Churchill's illness but found news
coverage difficulties as tough as iron
curtain conditions. And no one received
any clinical details.

Insiders hinted that Sir Winston was
shocked by medical data disclosed during
Eisenhower's illnesses and decided to
edit his own health bulletins personally.

Correspondents were virtually limited
to brief daily bulletins at 3:45 p.m. read
by Churchill's private secretary, Anthony
Montague-Browne, in English and French,
and he was no Jim Hagerty. Browne once
set an astonishing sartorial tone by
showing up to read the bulletin in formal
dinner clothes. He forbade questions.

Agencies and a few dailies organized

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CRISES CAUSE SHIFTS IN GLOBAL COVERAGE

Political developments around the
world resulted in increased movement of
foreign correspondents last week, an
Overseas Press Bulletin survey shows.

Peter Kalischer, CBS newsman sta-
tioned in Tokyo, rushed to Indonesia and
Sumatra to cover the conflict. CBS' New
York office received word Monday that he
had arrived in Singapore from Sumatra
with films and recordings.

The *N.Y. Times'* Tillman Durbin was
sent down to Sumatra from his base in
Fong Kong at the activation of rebels
there. He left Padang this week. Greg
MacGregor flew in from Hong Kong to
replace him.

Bernie Kalb, the *Times'* Southeast
Asian correspondent, covered from
Jakarta.

A *N.Y. Times* report last week said
that the Indonesian central Government
served notice on domestic and foreign
correspondents that it felt "entitled to
restrict the dissemination of news" con-
cerning rebel leaders in Central Sumatra.
Listed were: Tillman Durbin, *N.Y. Times*;
Robert Udick, UP; John Griffin, AP;
Paul Hermuses, *Time-Life*; and James
Burke, *Life*.

NBC's Mediterranean staffer, Edmondo
Ricci, filmed the aftermath of the Tun-
isian bombing as well as the interview
which the network's Rome bureau chief,
Edwin Newman, had with President Bour-
guiba. CBS photographer Joe Falletta also
was covering the Tunisian story this
week.

The *N.Y. Times'* Tom Brady, who
headquarters in Rabat, rushed to the
scene of the bombing and had an eye-
witness account. Benjamin Welles from
Madrid worked on the story with Brady
for a week.

CBS News' Jacques Alexandre ar-
rived from Algiers to cover the story from
the bombing through the closing of the
port of Bizerte by the Tunisians.

William H. Lawrence of the *Times'*
Washington staff covered from Algeria.
He'll return to Washington in March after
two and one-half months in the area.

NBC News cameraman Henry Toluzzi,
assigned to Beirut, and CBS' Frank
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WIDE WORLD PHOTOS

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OVERSEAS TICKER

MOSCOW

Barrett McGurn, *N.Y. Herald Tribune*, is in from Rome for two months to spell B.J. Cutler who is on home leave. Doing a similar stint for CBS' *Dan Schorr* is Paul Niven on the network's Washington staff. Niven moved into Schorr's suite at the Hotel Metropole.

Colette Schwarzenbach, UP, is back from almost four months in Warsaw. Bureau manager Henry Shapiro leaves for a month's vacation in the U.S. and a week in London.

The AP welcomed a third man to its staff last week: Angelo Natale, who comes after fifteen months in Cairo.

Max and Toby Frankel, *N.Y. Times*, are taking a three-week swing around India.

Irving and Nancy Levine, NBC, are back in town after a month in the U.S. for the NBC year-end show and lectures.

Joe David Brown, *Time-Life*, spent three weeks waiting for a Khrushchev interview that never materialized. Some people think *Time's* cover story had something to do with it.

Whitman Bassow

BERLIN

Ed de Fontaine, Armed Forces Network's news correspondent, is being transferred to Paris as the network's first news chief for France. He will operate out of Paris covering both military and political news.

With opening of the news bureau, AFN is extending its news operation outside of Germany.

Attending the farewell party on Feb. 21, hosted by your correspondent, were



ED DE FONTAINE

Seymour Topping, AP; Joe Fleming, UP; John Rich, NBC; Harry Gilroy, *N.Y. Times*; Jerry Main, INS; Paul Moor, Magnum; Mark White, AFN Berlin's program chief; Al Peterson, U.S. Mission public information officer; Russell Hill, Radio Free Europe; and Blake Brophy, American newspaperman en route to Spain on a Feid fellowship.

Jerry Main's wife Pat, gave birth to a baby girl in London last week.

Gerhard S. Stindt

ROME

Veteran foreign correspondent Frank Gervasi was named director of the Mediterranean area for the Motion Picture Export Ass'n. of America at a reception that brought together many notables of the film world in Rome.

Gervasi, former Mediterranean area war correspondent for *Collier's* and *N.Y. Post* writer whose articles have been syndicated to more than thirty-one newspapers by World-Wide Press, has made his headquarters in Rome for many years.

During part of his stay here he was information chief to the U.S. Economic Co-operation Administration for Italy.

Recent visitors to Rome included Norman Isaacs, managing editor of *The Louisville Times*, and Roy L. Matson, editor of the *Wisconsin State Journal*, both of whom are on a round-the-world trip as representatives of the U.S. State Dep't.

Their primary object is India, where they expect to spend more than two months. Each plans to make numerous stops on the way back to the U.S. from India. Isaacs itinerary includes Singapore, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Manila and Honolulu.

Other travelers to trouble spot assignments include Eugene Levin of Rome's AP bureau who went to Athens to cover

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Your Overseas Press Bulletin Issue
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Managing Editor: Barbara J. Bennett.

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PRESS COVERS WINNIE ILLNESS

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twenty-four hour watch on the Churchill villa at Roquebrune, usually in cars. Even so, they could approach only to within half a mile because of tommygun guards at the iron gate. The villa is invisible from the gate.

Since the villa had only a single telephone line which was needed for emergencies, the press was asked not to use it and largely complied.

Press headquarters were established at the Hotel de Paris in Monte Carlo, whose bar became a rumor factory as at the Prince Rainier-Grace Kelly wedding and the birth of Princess Caroline.

American correspondents at the scene included AP, Eddy Gilmore and Harvey Hudson; UP, Robert Musel, Angus Deming and Robert Ahier; INS, Howard Handleman; N.Y. Times, W. Granger Blair; Edwin Newman, NBC; N.Y. Herald Tribune, Don Cook; CBS, Lou Cioffi; Time, Thomas Dozier; and Life, Milton Orshevsky. There were scores of photographers who spent their time posing for each other.

When newsmen rushed in, the hotel clerk asked, "Have you come for Grace's second baby already?"

UP's Ahier reported, "This news black-out is worse than the Monaco wedding or birth stories."

The health bulletin time was chosen by the British because "it's right before tea."

Reporters occasionally extracted minor morsels from Dr. David Roberts or Lady Churchill but they were not headline-worthy. Consequently the usual crop of rumors and inventions developed.

Churchill's bodyguard, Sergeant Edmond Murray, quipped after reading newspaper that they seemed to know not only more than he did, but more than Sir Winston's family and doctors.

As consolation, correspondents besieged the casino and at last report some reversed the trend of the previous Monaco experience and were beating the bank.

TICKER (Continued from page 2)

the Cyprus talks of British Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd with Greece's top officials.

After more than four years out of the U.S. — three of them spent in Korea as Syngman Rhee's liaison man and press advisor — O.H.P. "Okey" King, former AP correspondent in the Far East, and his wife, Helen Beth, formerly with *Dallas News*, are returning home. Their plans include a lecture tour after seeing two grandchildren for the first time in Newport, R.I. Each of them wrote a book on his Korea experiences, now with publishers.

Frank Brutto

Election Judges Announce Plans

Plans for this year's OPC elections have been worked out to provide for the maximum participation of all active members in the choice of 1958-9 officers and Governors, says James Sheldon, chairman of the Committee of Judges of the Election.

The Committee, as designated by President Cecil Brown and the Board of Governors, includes Anita Diamant Berke, Charles E. Campbell, Herman L. Desir, William S. Foster, Henning Koefoed, Victor Lawn, Roberto Esquenazi-Mayo, Alvin H. Perlmuter, Fred Kerner and Frank C. Wachsmith (ex-officio). Campbell has been named vice-chairman, and Mrs. Berke secretary. Most of the committee have participated in previous elections.

Candidates by petition are reminded that their petitions must be turned in or postmarked before noon, Wed., Mar. 5.

The By-Laws provide that the Committee of Judges shall be responsible for furnishing information about candidates to members of the Club in order to "give all competing candidates equal and adequate opportunity to present their cases."

This information will be distributed in *The Overseas Press Bulletin*.

All candidates are therefore requested to provide the Committee with a 200-word statement containing biographical material, a list of Club offices held, and any platform statements they wish to make, together with a recent photo. This material should be given to the Committee *immediately*, in order not to delay the election process. The Committee is authorized to see to it that printed statements conform to various By-Law requirements.

THIRD NOTICE

Members desiring return of their 1955 and 1956 bar and dining room checks (chits) may call for them at the office on the fifth floor of the OPC. All that are not claimed within two weeks of this notice will be destroyed.

The Board of Governors

Cecil Brown attended the White House Conference on the Mutual Security Program in Washington on Tuesday. Organized by Eric Johnston at the request of the President to emphasize the need for the foreign aid program, the meeting was addressed by Dulles, Acheson, Truman and Eisenhower, and attended by three hundred national business and civic leaders. Brown attended as president of the OPC.

Our article on "U.S. Overseas Cultural Offensive" in the Dec. 28 issue was entered in the Feb. 3 *Congressional Record* by Senator Jacob Javits. It was written by David Safer and Adele Nathan.

Constitution Chairman Protests Nominations

The OPC 1958 Nominations Committee has chosen to ignore the spirit and intent of a recent amendment to the OPC Constitution, according to the chairman of the Constitution Committee, Robert Conway. The Nominations Committee presented a slate with single nominations for three of the four club offices in the forth-coming Club elections.

Conway, in a letter carried in full in the "Letters" column of this issue, said the Club had revised its by-laws last year expressly to permit the Nominations Committee to give the members a choice of candidates, and that the Committee had chosen to ignore this expression of the members. (Full text on page 7.)

Dan Kurzman, former McGraw-Hill World News Tokyo bureau chief, left that city on Feb. 19 for New York. His return trip takes him through Hongkong, Siberia, Moscow and possibly Israel. He is succeeded by Sol Sanders.

John Shinn, former chief of the Los Angeles bureau, has been transferred to the London McGraw-Hill bureau, where he'll augment the present staff.

George McCadden, vice chairman of the Regional Dinners Committee for Australia Night, has received requests for copies of the Australian Dinner menu and inserts. If you have extra ones, or would part with yours, please mail or leave for him at the Club.

CRISES (Continued from page 1)

Kearns covered the United Arab Republic plebiscite. Toluzzi also covered the Jordan-Iraqi federation signing in Amman.

The N.Y. Times' Middle East correspondent, Sam Brewer, based in Beirut, rushed to Damascus while Foster Hailey covered developments in Cairo.

CBS' correspondent-cameraman Dick Kallsen, based in Beirut, covered the Syria and Jordan developments. He was in Damascus Monday.

In other movements, CBS' Dan Karasik, stationed in Vienna, and cameraman Paul Bruck are in Czechoslovakia for the tenth Communist anniversary celebration. Ernest Leiser and Harry Janssen have returned to their West German post after two weeks covering Poland.

CBS' Wade Bingham, Tokyo photographer, is covering the U.S. Naval maneuvers in the Pacific which started this week. From there he'll go on to the SEATO conference the middle of this month.

Harry Thoess, NBC Berlin, filmed in Brussels for a week on advance angles of the Fair.

the editor explains

PROBLEMS AND GOALS IN PUBLISHING THE OVERSEAS PRESS BULLETIN

by John Wilhelm

This seems to be the moment everyone has chosen to discuss this modest but ubiquitous publication, *The Overseas Press Bulletin*, and it would not seem amiss for the editor to join the discussion.

After two years, I am stepping down as chairman of the Bulletin Committee in a few weeks. But I am pleased with what we have done with *The Bulletin* editorially in these two years. I am even prouder of the \$14,000 worth of advertising we have sold this year, and I hope a new chairman will set his sights even higher, both in regard to editorial quality and in regard to advertising. *The Bulletin* should sell \$18,000 worth of advertising next year.

An Important Place

And there is an important place for an *Overseas Press Bulletin* that could be an influential publication in this world today. It could be more than a club type of publication—it could carry articles on foreign correspondence which have no other outlet, and the ranks of truly top-flight writers who have written for *The Overseas Press Bulletin* this year clearly indicate this.

So much for *Bulletin* goals; what about the *Bulletin* problems?

There seem to be two basic facts about *The Bulletin* over which we can hardly quarrel and these can be a starting point for this discussion:

1. As only some 700 or 800 of our more than 1,900 members ever pass through the doors of the Clubhouse during any calendar year, it is important to have a regular Club publication of some sort if we wish to retain across-the-board interest in the Club (and to keep this non-attending member group paying dues).

This is critically true of the overseas members, the really active group of current foreign correspondents whose presence in the Club lends us the glamor and reputation which we successfully market as a Club. *The Bulletin* holds this group almost single-handedly.

2. Club revenue would fall if *The Bulletin* were not published. That is, we can be sure dues would drop if *The Bulletin* were discontinued, and attendance at Club activities would fall if not publicized or if the equivalent publicity were not given such events in some other method which would then be a separate expense, such as postcards.

These then, are two almost undeniable reasons for having a Club publication.

Frequency

It is very frequently suggested that we could publish once a month, or every

other week. I do not agree that this would be satisfactory, and, in fact, a poll of the OPC membership in 1952 found members voting almost four to one in favor of a weekly publication over a monthly magazine. We are still operating under this mandate from the full membership, and I would be opposed to changing unless a new poll were taken and a change in members' views shown. I think the members should have the say on this; it is their money which is paying for *The Bulletin*.

A weekly *Bulletin* enables us to get to overseas correspondents actual news of interest to them while it still is news. It would not be news in a fortnightly or monthly publication, nor if *The Bulletin* were mailed seafar. It is my belief that most overseas members would not be sufficiently interested in a monthly *Bulletin* to retain their membership by paying dues over any period of time. And the Club cannot afford to lose this vital overseas group.

At the same time, I am not convinced a monthly or fortnightly would save much money. Would you print less pages per month? If so, it would be a pretty sad and thin publication for a monthly. If you print the same number of pages, the printing bill would be the same per month in either case, four weeklies totaling thirty-two pages, or one monthly magazine totaling thirty-two pages.

Postage would be less if a magazine were mailed second class to all the world, but delivery to overseas points would take months. Even so, the postage saving would probably amount to no more than \$4,000 a year—a healthy sum but no over-riding factor.

Total saving then would only be be \$4,000 a year and the Club would give up a weekly airmail publication for a monthly seafar organ. I feel, further, the Club would shortly lose at least that much in dues.

Advertising Income

Until we expanded *The Bulletin*, advertising income ran some \$1,200 per year. We now hold contracts for advertising in the neighborhood of \$14,000 per year, and have reason to believe that advertising will continue to climb, perhaps to \$18,000 next year. As the present advertising income is slightly under one-half the total cost of *The Bulletin* in its present shape, it means we would have to double advertising income to make *The Bulletin* self-liquidating on a purely advertising basis.

(Last year, Gil Busch and Kurt Lassen helped to get this impressive advertising program underway, and this year Art Milton has done nobly in extending it.)

Subscription Income

However, I feel the answer lies in another direction.

The Bulletin is a revenue-producing factor for the Club, as we indicated in our first paragraphs. More dues are paid the Club than if we had no *Bulletin*. More people come to Club affairs.

Therefore, it is my sincere opinion after wrestling with this problem for two years that the OPC, like many other clubs, must allot some minor portion of each person's dues to paying for that person's *Bulletin* subscription. I would suggest \$10 of each person's dues be allotted to paying for their *Bulletin* subscription (actually we spend \$2 average on postage alone per member). This would give *The Bulletin* increased revenue of \$18,000, or almost exactly the amount needed to put *The Bulletin* into the black. I am not suggesting any raise in dues; this would be from present dues.

Dave Ballard of our Committee also has under study a plan to sell *The Bulletin* outside the club for \$20 per year to public relation offices, etc. This, too, might be the answer. A test mailing of 5,000 fliers has been authorized.

Editorial Goal

The Overseas Press Bulletin as it is today comes from two editorial goals which the Bulletin Committee set over two years ago when *The Bulletin* was enlarged. They are:

1. *The Bulletin* should be the principal media in the world for news of American foreign correspondents and foreign news coverage.

2. Secondly, and only secondly, *The Bulletin* should cover Club activities. Naturally, we try to do both, and usually succeed.

One of the big factors in making *The Overseas Press Bulletin* successful has been the development of our voluntary and extremely competent network of special correspondents around the world. The Club owes them a great debt of gratitude.

Issue Editors

Right alongside of this has been the willingness of the members of the Bulletin Committee (see the masthead for names) to serve in turn as "issue editors." Each week a different one takes over the helm of editing *The Bulletin*.

We have been fortunate to have one paid employee on *The Bulletin*, Miss Barbara Bennett, who serves as managing editor. Miss Bennett carries out the unbelievably tedious and extended work of preparing the news for the printer, scheduling the advertising

making the final layout, writing captions and news, ordering pictures, checking all bills and seeing they are paid, making trips to the printer to read proof, etc., plus handling the dozen or more letters a week which must go out if our news flow is not to stop.

Conclusion

To sum this all up, I say immodestly that the Club has a widely-read, healthy publication which probably is unique in all the world among even the largest organizations.

To many of our members, perhaps most, *The Overseas Press Bulletin* is the Club. That is all they ever see of it.

I would say it is wrong to collect dues from all these members who never visit the Clubhouse, and then spend these members' dues on improving the dining room or bar which these people will never see or use. I say it is much more justifiable to use part of their dues to support *The Bulletin*.

Lastly, *The Bulletin* has been a force in fighting for a free press and for helping foreign correspondents in their vital work abroad. Who can put a price on this?

John Wilhelm, chairman of the Bulletin Committee for the past two years, before that had been an issue editor and overseas correspondent for *The Overseas Press Bulletin*. Originally a *Chicago Tribune* staff correspondent, he worked on the cable desk of UP, and was



JOHN WILHELM

a war correspondent in the Normandy invasion for Reuters. He was in the London bureau of *The Chicago Sun* after the war, headed bureaus in Buenos Aires and Mexico City for the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., and now is director of McGraw-Hill foreign and domestic news bureaus.

Fred Sontag, special consultant to President Eisenhower's Committee on Gov't. Employment Policy, was married Feb. 8 to Edith V. Sweeney, former member of the White House Staff.

Dr. James F. Montague is supervising an intensive course in medical writing next June at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy.

Vic Wagner, editor and publisher of *Pic* magazine, returned from a jaunt through Europe to take off again last month for the West Indies and South America.

"ESCAPE FROM FEAR" ON MAR. 5

Former U.S. Senator William Benton will review *Escape from Fear*, the story of the relief, migration and resettlement of 200,000 Hungarian refugees by *Martin A. Bursten*, published by Syracuse University Press.

at a special Open House on Mar. 5.

John Thomas, chief of operations for the twenty-six nation International Committee for European Migration, is

flying in from his headquarters in Geneva to tell the work of the inter-governmental agency in moving the refugees to more than thirty nations.

Leo Cherne, executive director of the Int'l. Rescue Committee, will discuss relief drives for refugees throughout the world.

Murray I. Gurfein, head of United HIAS Service, will discuss the voluntary agency role.

Frank Donghi, CBS Budapest, will report on problems of covering the revolution and its aftermath.

Also participating in the discussion will be former mayor of Budapest, Hon. Joseph Kovago.

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LETTERS



Dear Editor,

The conduct and the report of the OPC 1958 Nominations Committee has resulted in demands for corrective amendments to the OPC Constitution and by-laws. I, both as a member of the Board of Governors and as chairman of the Constitutional Revisions Committee feel it my duty immediately to explain the situation.

Briefly, here are the facts:

Prior to 1956, it was the practice of the Nominations Committee to name a single candidate for president and, indeed for most offices. This led to resentment.

Two years ago, mainly as a protest against the entrenched system of uncontested elections. *Wayne Richardson* ran as a "petition candidate." He was elected to succeed *Louis Lochner* as president. The campaign was bitter.

Cool heads decided that steps should be taken to create a more friendly or "clubable" campaign climate in the future.

The result: an amendment to the by-laws was proposed and adopted to achieve this end. This amendment stipulated that "one or more" (the amending clause being "or more") candidates shall be nominated for each office—assuming, of course, a substantial desire or a reasonable need exists for a contest. In addition, individual members could run as "petition candidates" on obtaining the requisite number of signatures. Thus the stigma of running as "rebel" contestants would be removed from future campaigns.

The 1957 Nominations Committee, appointed by *Wayne Richardson*, was the first to function under the amendment. That committee strictly conformed to the spirit and intent of the revised nominations code.

Cecil Brown and *Ansel Talbert* were both nominated. The 1957 Nominations Committee submitted the sort of unbiased and neutral report implicit in the new rules and both candidates got off to an even start. There were no recriminations and no hard feelings when Brown won by a narrow margin. A successful code for holding friendly but real elections in the Club seemed assured.

This expectation and hope has now been flouted.

The 1958 Nominations Committee, appointed by *Cecil Brown*, incumbent president, and headed as chairman by *Louis Lochner*, a Past President, chooses to ignore the spirit and intent of the amendment. The 1958 Nominations Committee insisted on naming a single slate for the top offices despite the well known fact that there are

issues which can only be resolved through an election contest. There are several potential candidates whose views differ from the views of the incumbent president on such matters as whether to increase dues, whether to cut costs, whether to press for different constructive uses of the Memorial Fund and whether to move the Club from its present location to a new skyscraper further uptown. The reasonable need for two slates had been widely discussed.

Brushing aside protests, the 1958 Nominations Committee only renominated the incumbent president to succeed himself. In addition, it added the fantastic suggestion that next year's president should be chosen from among the vice presidents nominated this year. The report flatly proclaimed Brown as the indispensable man without whose leadership the Club would go to pot. Thus the "one or more" clause was misinterpreted into a license to name only one, instead of more than one, contestants, and in this manner placed obstacles to a real election in which two more sides would have an even break.

Finally, the 1958 Nominations Committee insisted that this biased report be published in *The Overseas Press Bulletin* prior to its being submitted for approval to the Board of Governors. Many objected to this. The chairman of the Elections Committee immediately ruled that equal space must be given in *The Bulletin* for a retort to the Nominations Committee's campaign tract.

I believe that a Constitutional amendment to clarify, beyond possibility of misconstruction, the duties of the Nominations Committee is urgently needed. I would like to hear from members on this subject.

Robert Conway

*Chairman,
Constitutional Revisions Committee.*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ACTIVE

HAL HENDRIX - Latin America editor, *The Miami News*, Miami, Fla. since Nov. 1, 1957; *Kansas City Star* Nov. '44-June '57. Proposed by *J.D. Fendell*; seconded by *Richard Dyer*.

RYAN BOOK OUT JUN. 6

Simon & Shuster has announced June 6, 1959, as publication date for OPC Vice President *Cornelius Ryan's* new book on the first twelve hours of the Normandy landings. It's being published simultaneously by Victor Gollancz in Britain. He got a five-figure advance from the publisher and *Reader's Digest* has already purchased the condensation.

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